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Mastering Foreign Policy

As everybody knows, Presidents of the United States have many, many things to do. Many of the many things are concerned with foreign policy. Foreign policy involves dealings in the mopes and crotchets of other nations as well as pursuing the splendors of American interest hither and thither around the world. So, if one is thinking about supporting a particular man for President, it is useful to know his thoughts on foreign policy.

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All of that brings us to the Honorable George Corley Wallace, governor of the Sovereign State of Alabama and a persistent claimant to the American presidency. Gov. Wallace is known to his many admirers as a man who doesn't mince words.

He does, however, mince up the odd thought now and then.

On March the third Gov. Wallace conducted a *tour de force* through the exotic realms of foreign policy for a group of overseas correspondents visiting the United States.

The first reports of that meeting published in The Washington Post had Wallace saying that we were fighting the wrong people in World War II. Then the Associated Press filed a dispatch from Montgomery which quoted Wallace to the effect that the original story was out of context.

We were fighting the right people in World War II he said. Hitler



was "one of the most despicable characters in the history of the world." But, on the other hand, according to the AP interview with Wallace, American diplomacy was unnecessarily antagonistic to Germany and Japan.

If one remembers history correctly, Adolph Hitler was the man running Germany when we were antagonistic to it and fighting it.

So, before one can properly understand the Wallace view of American foreign policy, a question needs answering.

If Adolph Hitler was despicable but if the United States was unnecessarily antagonistic to Germany, how could we have not been antagonistic to Germany since Germany was run by Adolph Hitler who was despicable?

Or something.